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APPLICATION NO. 10/071,768
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TITLE: Billing Method and System for Collaboration Solutions
EXAMINER: Igov Borisson
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.102.

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SIR:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.102 of the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases, enclosed herewith is a Petition To Make Special which taking use of the exception conditions under the category of Manufacturing. A copy of letter of reference covering the alleging conditions A, B and C are reflected in a letter written by the prospective manufacturer of sufficient Mr. James Lee, the President of ezUnify Corporation. In addition, alleging condition D required that the applicant made thorough search of the prior art. I have a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art, and please find a copy of two submitted Information of Disclosure Statements.

Inside this envelope, I am also including a Preliminary Amendment filed as a separate set of documents. I would appreciate if you do not separate them for the convenience of the examiner.

I hereby verify that the above is true statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmund M. Kwan

Date: May 8, 2002

By: 

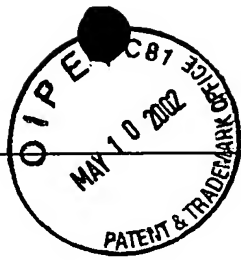
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May 5, 2002.

Dear Patent Officer,

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This firm has recently evaluated a proposal of an enterprise software application, which is based on a billing method described in Mr. Edmund Kwan's patent application titled "Billing System and Method for Collaboration Solutions."

Upon reviewing the proposal, we concluded that by incorporating Mr. Kwan's method in the solution, we could decentralize the enterprise solution cost, thus making it affordable to the corporate customers. We felt that this is a perfect answer to the recent doldrums of the enterprise software industry. Mr. Kwan method allows firms with limited IT budgets to deploy enterprise productivity solutions.

However, we discovered that modifying existing enterprise software products would not be possible since Mr. Kwan's patent pending system and method requires facilities from a unique type of software architecture. The only way to facilitate his method would be to develop a new enterprise solution per his architecture specifications.

The development budget for his project is estimated to be \$950,000.00, which is the budget amount we can commit to allow Mr. Kwan to organize a development team in the United States. Since this investment is not small by our standard, we must ensure that it is of minimal risk

Until Mr. Kwan's patent application is granted, we are reluctant to make such investment. I am writing to your office to urge you to consider expediting the examination process of his patent application. This firm is fully committed to making such investment as soon as Mr. Kwan's patent application is officially granted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by writing or at my direct line: (408) 961-6000. Meanwhile, I thank you for your consideration and hope to hear a positive feedback.

Sincerely,

James Lee
President



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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. SS 1.56, and 1.97-1.98

SIR:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. SS 1.56 and 1.97-98 of the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases, enclosed herewith is form PTO-SB-08 listing one cited reference, a copy of which is enclosed. The Examiner is requested to make this reference of official record in the application. The reference cited may be material to examination of the application and is submitted in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure as defined by 37 C.F.R. S 1.56

No representation is made or intended as to the completeness of this list, nor is the inclusion of any reference on this list an admission that it is prior art or pertinent to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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